

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING BY HAROLD MAYFIELD, SECRETARY

The thirty-second annual meeting of The Wilson Ornithological Club was held at the Davenport Public Museum, Davenport, Iowa, on Friday and Saturday, April 27 and 28, 1951. It was sponsored by the Davenport Public Museum, the Tri-City Bird Club, and the Iowa Ornithological Union.

There were four half-day sessions devoted to papers and motion pictures, two general business meetings, and two meetings of the Executive Council. In addition to the business meetings and papers sessions, there was an informal reception in the Museum on Friday evening and the Annual Dinner on Saturday evening. At the reception, Cleveland P. Grant presented a motion picture and lecture, "Bighorn Sheep of the Rocky Mountains." An exhibit of bird paintings was held during the reception, and after the annual dinner the following night, a number of these pictures were auctioned for the benefit of the color-plate fund of the *Bulletin*. The auctioned paintings were made available through the generosity of the artists, W. J. Breckenridge, Richard Philip Grossenheider, Francis Lee Jaques, O. J. Murie, George M. Sutton, and Roger Tory Peterson.

Following the annual banquet, President Maurice Graham Brooks gave an address, "Ecology for Everyone."

Local leaders conducted field trips before the papers session on Saturday morning and, with the assistance of members of the refuge staff of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, led an extended trip on Sunday, April 29, visiting Federal refuge areas north of Davenport along the Mississippi River.

### OPENING CEREMONIES

Members and guests were welcomed to Davenport by Mr. Arthur R. Kroppach, Mayor of that city. President Brooks responded for the club.

### FIRST BUSINESS SESSION

President Brooks called to order the first business session on Friday morning, April 27. The minutes of the 31st Annual Meeting, as published in *The Wilson Bulletin* for September 1950, were approved.

The report of the treasurer, James H. Olsen, was presented, but action on it was deferred until after the report of the Auditing Committee at the final business session.

The secretary, Harold Mayfield, presented the recommendation of the Executive Council that the constitution and bylaws be changed to eliminate the associate membership class and raise the subscription price of the *Bulletin* to \$3.00. The exact statement of the amendment and the procedure for voting on it appeared in the *Bulletin* for June, 1951.

The Executive Council accepted the invitation of Tennessee members to hold the 33rd Annual Meeting at Gatlinburg, Tennessee, at the entrance of Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The meeting will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 25-26, 1952.

The editor, George Miksch Sutton, reported that the Hilton family of Lincoln, Nebraska have donated \$2,000 which is to be used for the publication of eight color plates on Mexican birds as a memorial to Dr. David Clark Hilton. These will appear in future issues of *The Wilson Bulletin*.

### *Report of Endowment Committee*

Leonard C. Brecher, chairman, reported twelve new life memberships during the past year. The committee recommended that emphasis be placed upon gifts to the endowment fund with the life membership as an incidental recognition of gifts of \$100 or more.

*Report of Research Committee*

John T. Emlen, Jr., reporting for Charles G. Sibley, chairman, recommended that the Louis Agassiz Fuertes Research Grant of \$100 be awarded to Howard L. Cogswell, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California, for a study, "Territory Size and Its Relation to Vegetation Structures and Density Among Birds of the Chaparral." The committee felt that action with regard to the Chalif Grant for bird work in México should be deferred until the membership had had a chance to learn of the grant, through reading the March *Bulletin*.

*Report of Membership Committee*

The treasurer, James H. Olsen, reported for the Membership Committee (Seth Low, chairman; Ralph Edeburn, vice-chairman) a total membership in The Wilson Ornithological Club of 1740 on April 15, 1951. Included in this list are 161 institutional subscribers to the *Bulletin*.

*Report of Illustrations Committee*

Robert M. Mengel, chairman, reported on the assistance this committee has given the editor and authors in preparing illustrations, including color-plates, for *The Wilson Bulletin*. This committee assisted in making preparations for the bird art show held at the Davenport meeting and arranged the auction of selected bird drawings for the benefit of the color-plate fund.

The committee has suggested that, when authors want finished drawings prepared from sketches, this work be done by the committee at a charge of \$1.00 per hour, with the money going entirely to the color-plate fund of the *Bulletin*.

Whether extensive assistance is required or not, authors planning to submit illustrations along with manuscripts are urged to consult with the chairman of this committee well in advance.

*Report of Library Committee*

George J. Wallace, chairman, reported that since the last annual meeting 63 people have contributed a total of 44 books, 278 reprints, 78 magazines and bulletins, and 62 volumes of magazines. Special thanks were expressed for generous gifts from Hustace Poor.

An analysis of the past use of the library has shown that there have been 170 separate loans in the period 1942-1949. Many of these loans have included several items each, and the majority of them have gone to people in areas where local library facilities have been limited. In addition, there have been a great many uses of this library by visitors to the Museum of Zoology at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Consideration is being given to the publication of the entire list of books available in the library, but final decision on this matter has not yet been reached.

*Report of Conservation Committee*

Robert A. McCabe, chairman, reported that this committee has been attempting to keep members of The Wilson Ornithological Club informed about developments in the field of conservation through the pages of the *Bulletin*. Two reports have been published. The first, concerning the Dingell-Johnson Bill, was prepared by Henry Mosby and William Gunn. The second, dealing with conservation attitudes toward predaceous animals, was prepared by Charles Kirkpatrick and William Elder. A third appears in this issue.

*Temporary Committees*

The President appointed three temporary committees, as follows:

*Auditing Committee*

Leonard Brecher, Chairman  
Burt Monroe  
Dr. R. Allyn Moser

*Resolutions Committee*

Fred Pierce, Chairman  
Thomas Morrissey  
Herman F. Chapman  
Richard Pough

*Nominating Committee*

Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr., Chairman  
Dr. R. Allyn Moser  
John T. Emlen, Jr.

SECOND BUSINESS MEETING

The second and final business meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, April 28, by President Brooks. All candidates for membership to the club were elected.

*Report of Auditing Committee*

The Auditing Committee reported that the books of the treasurer had been examined and had been found correct. Special thanks were expressed to James H. Olsen, the retiring treasurer, for his work during the past year.

*Election of Officers*

O. S. Pettingill, Jr., reporting for the Nominating Committee, proposed the following officers for election in 1951: President, Maurice Graham Brooks; First Vice President, Walter J. Breckenridge; Second Vice President, Burt L. Monroe; Secretary, Harold F. Mayfield; Treasurer, Leonard C. Brecher; Elective members of the Executive Council, W. C. Vaughan (term expires 1952), Fred T. Hall (term expires 1953), W. W. H. Gunn (term expires 1954).

The report of the Nominating Committee was accepted and the secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for these nominees.

Harrison B. Tordoff, of the Museum of Natural History, University of Kansas, was announced as the unanimous selection of the Council to become editor of *The Wilson Bulletin* beginning with Volume 64 (1952). He succeeds George M. Sutton, who had asked that his resignation take effect at the conclusion of Volume 63 (December, 1951).

*Report of Resolutions Committee*

WHEREAS, the members of The Wilson Ornithological Club, assembled in their annual meeting at Davenport, Iowa, April 27-29, 1951, wish to go on permanent record with the following resolutions, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that we heartily thank the Tri-City Bird Club, the Davenport Public Museum, and the Iowa Ornithologists' Union, co-sponsors, for the fine welcome extended to us and the excellent entertainment accorded us in this, our second Iowa meeting. We sincerely appreciate the spirit of hospitality and the hard work of these local clubs in order to give us one of our finest meetings.

Noting with extreme regret the passing in February of one of our most loved and esteemed members, Dr. Lynds Jones, who was a founder, a past president, and for more than 30 years editor of *The Wilson Bulletin*, BE IT RESOLVED that we formally express our deep feeling over our loss, and that our Secretary transmit to the surviving widow, Mrs. Jones, our sincere sympathy in her bereavement.

Because of their value as scientific research areas for work in ornithology, ecology and the other natural sciences, BE IT RESOLVED that The Wilson Ornithological Club commend the Iowa State Conservation Commission for its efforts to preserve the State's remaining remnants of virgin prairie.

Because of their vital importance to the conservation of the waterfowl of the Pacific flyway, BE IT RESOLVED that The Wilson Ornithological Club urge the Secretary of the Interior and the Congress to take such steps as are necessary to insure an adequate and permanent supply of water for the National Wildlife Refuges of the Klamath Basin.

## PAPERS SESSIONS

Friday, April 27

Thomas J. Morrissey, Davenport, Iowa, *An Introduction to the Davenport Area*.

Aaron Moore Bagg, Holyoke, Massachusetts, *Spring Migration in the Vicinity of a Warm Front*, slides.

William W. H. Gunn, Ontario Department of Lands and Forests, *Reverse Migration in the Pelee Region in Relation to Weather*, slides.

S. Charles Kendeigh, University of Illinois, *Effect of Temperature on Attentive Behavior in Birds*, slides.

Margaret M. Nice, Chicago, Illinois, *Behavior of a Hand-raised Meadowlark*, slides.

George M. Sutton, University of Michigan, *Fluctuations of Breeding Bird Populations on the Edwin S. George Reserve*, slides.

Haven H. Spencer, Ypsilanti, Michigan, *Observations on Nighthawk Behavior*, slides.

Winnifred W. Smith, Two Rivers, Wisconsin, *The Matin Song of the Eastern Kingbird*, slides.

L. E. Richdale, Dunedin, New Zealand, *Banding and Marking Penguins*.

Earle A. Davis, University of Illinois, *Seasonal Changes in the Energy Balance of the English Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*)*, slides.

Josselyn Van Tyne, University of Michigan, *Remarks on the Tenth International Ornithological Congress*.

Philip A. DuMont, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, *National Wildlife Refuges and Endangered Species of Birds*, slides.

W. J. Breckenridge, University of Minnesota, *The Duck Hunters' Dilemma*, sound motion picture.

Saturday, April 28

N. L. Cuthbert, Central Michigan College, *Some Nesting Habits of the Black Tern in Michigan*, slides.

Paul L. Errington, Iowa State College, *Some Newer Approaches in the Exploration of Population Cycles in Higher Vertebrates*.

Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr., Carleton College, *A Hybrid Longspur from Saskatchewan*.

Arnold J. Petersen, University of Wisconsin, *Nesting Study of the Northern Cliff Swallow at Jackson Hole, Wyoming*, slides.

William W. H. Gunn, Ontario Department of Lands and Forests, *Wildlife in the High Arctic*, slides and motion pictures.

L. E. Richdale, Dunedin, New Zealand, *The Royal Albatross in New Zealand*, slides.

Dwain W. Warner, University of Minnesota, *Geographic Variation in the Singing Quail*, slides.

Harrison B. Tordoff, University of Kansas, *Developmental Failure of Red Color in Crossbills*.

Robert F. Vane, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, *Swan Lake Field Trip*, motion picture.

*Bear River Refuge*, filmed by W. F. Kubichek, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, motion picture.

*Conservation in Action*, A new Fish and Wildlife Service Film, sound motion picture.

*Sunrise Serenade*, filmed by Charles W. Schwartz, Missouri Conservation Commission, and Edgar M. Queeny, St. Louis, Missouri, sound motion picture.

ATTENDANCE

The exact number of people attending this meeting is not known, since many of those attending single sessions, particularly on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon, did not register. A registration fee (\$1.00) was charged for the first time in the history of the club's meetings. The total number of members and guests registering was 164, from 20 states, one province of Canada, and two other countries.

From **Arkansas**: 1—*Fayetteville*, Howard Young.

From **Connecticut**: 1—*New Haven*, S. Dillon Ripley.

From **District of Columbia**: 1—*Washington*, Philip A. DuMont.

From **Illinois**: 23—*Blue Island*, Karl E. Bartel; *Champaign*, Earle A. Davis, Jr., S. Charles Kendeigh; *Chicago*, Alfred Lewy, Constance Nice, Margaret M. Nice, R. M. Strong; *Evanston*, Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Lea; *Galesburg*, Harold M. Holland, Florence Merdian; *Highland Park*, Paul E. Downing; *Itasca*, F. J. Freeman; *E. Moline*, Elton Fawks; *Moline*, Rodney Robinder, O. Ruth Spencer; *Peoria*, Ferd Luthy; *Quincy*, T. E. Musselman; *Rock Island*, Rose Guite; *Springfield*, Virginia S. Eifert; *Urbana*, Harvey I. Fisher, Robert Pearson; *Ursa*, Mrs. Tom Sorrill.

From **Indiana**: 3—*Hanover*, J. Dan Webster; *Richmond*, Stephen W. Simon, Charles Thailer.

From **Iowa**: 52—*Ames*, Paul L. Errington, George O. Hendrickson, Edward L. Kozicky; *Cedar Rapids*, Robert Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Karl E. Goellner, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred W. Meyer, Lillian Serbousek, Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Vane; *Charlotte*, David Luckstead; *Davenport*, Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Carl, Glenn R. Downing, Msgr. Thomas J. Feeney, W. H. Geiken, Jeanette Graham, Rev. Edward C. Greer, Dale Greve, Fred T. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hazard, Norwood C. Hazard, Norwood P. Hazard, Rodney Hart, Bud Johnson, Nat Kenny, Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Leonard, Larry Leonard, Richard A. Lorenz, Harry Lytle, Thomas Morrissey, Mary Oliver, Arlen Peahl, Paul Petersen, Peter Petersen, Jr., Mrs. Edward K. Putnam, Mrs. E. L. Swain, Olive B. Whittlesey, W. E. Whittlesey; *Des Moines*, Albert C. Berkowitz; *Iowa City*, F. W. Kent, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Laude, Paul Ver Vais; *Mt. Vernon*, J. Harold Ennis; *Okoboji*, James G. Sieh; *Winthrop*, Mrs. K. B. Harrington, Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Pierce.

From **Kansas**: 2—*Lawrence*, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison B. Tordoff.

From **Kentucky**: 4—*Anchorage*, Mr. and Mrs. Burt Monroe; *Louisville*, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard C. Brecher.

From **Massachusetts**: 1—*Holyoke*, Aaron M. Bagg.

From **Michigan**: 25—*Albion*, Clara Dixon, Lee Holmes, Hampton R. Wagner; *Ann Arbor*, H. W. Hann, Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Mengel, Dana P. Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Haven H. Spencer, George M. Sutton, J. Van Tyne; *Battle Creek*, Edward M. Brigham, Jr.; *Detroit*, Mrs. Alice D. Nulli; *Jackson*, Hazel L. Bradley, Dr. and Mrs. W. Powell Cottrille, Robert A. Whiting, Mr. and Mrs. Harold F. Wing; *Kalamazoo*, H. Lewis Batts, Jr.; *E. Lansing*, George J. Wallace; *Mt. Pleasant*, Mrs. Mabel E. Cuthbert, N. L. Cuthbert, Frank Throop; *Muskegon*, Cecil C. Kersting.

From **Minnesota**: 11—*Duluth*, P. B. Hofslund; *Hopkins*, Mr. and Mrs. Don F. Hamilton; *Minneapolis*, W. J. Breckenridge, John G. Erickson, Michails Ivanous, Theodora Melone, Vera E. Sparkes, Dwain W. Warner; *Northfield*, Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr.; *Owatonna*, Mrs. Paul A. Becker.

From **Missouri**: 2—*Revere*, George Dunn; *Warrensburg*, Oscar Hawksley.

From **Nebraska**: 2—*Crete*, William F. Rapp; *Omaha*, R. Allyn Moser.

From **New Jersey**: 1—*Tenafly*, Betty Carnes.

- From **New York**: 2—*Ithaca*, Lawrence I. Grinnell; *Pelham*, Richard H. Pough.  
 From **Ohio**: 8—*Athens*, H. C. Seibert; *Cleveland*, Vera Carrothers, Elsie Erickson, Adela Gaede, Lucille M. Mannix, Marjorie Ramisch, Mildred Steward; *Toledo*, Harold Mayfield.  
 From **Pennsylvania**: 2—*Buller*, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Preston.  
 From **South Dakota**: 4—*Sioux Falls*, Mr. and Mrs. Herman F. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. J. Scott Findley.  
 From **West Virginia**: 2—*Morgantown*, Maurice Brooks, Marion L. Hundley.  
 From **Wisconsin**: 15—*Beloit*, Malcolm E. McDonald, Carl Welty; *Ephraim*, Harold C. Wilson; *Madison*, John Emlen, Joseph J. Hickey, Robert A. McCabe, Arnold J. Petersen, Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Scott; *Milwaukee*, Daniel D. Berger, Helmut C. Mueller; *Mineral Springs*, Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland P. Grant; *Monroe*, Gordon H. Orians; *Two Rivers*, Winnifred Smith.  
 From **Canada**: 1—*Ontario*, W. W. H. Gunn.  
 From **Denmark**: 1—*Hellersyn*, Hans Wonsild.  
 From **New Zealand**: 2—*Dunedin*, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Richdale.

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